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Inventors: Makoto YAMADA et al. )  
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
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For: **RECORDING APPARATUS AND**  
**METHOD, PLAYBACK**  
**APPARATUS AND METHOD,**  
**RECORDING MEDIUM, AND**  
**PROGRAM (AS AMENDED)**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.